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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1967.

The year under review has seen several extensions to the use of Newhaven as a port. The most important development has been the establishment by Fisher and Duforest (Shipping) Ltd., of a regular cargo service to North Africa, Mediterranean ports and the Canary Islands. The bulk of the trade is concerned with the importation of fruit and vegetables from these ports. The service commenced on 7th May and there has been a weekly arrival on average since then.

During the year, Newhaven was chosen as the port through which atomic waste for disposal is shipped out of the country. The waste is contained in sealed drums which are deposited in the Atlantic beyond the edge of the Continental shelf. There is no danger to health either to persons handling the cargo or to the inhabitants of the area. Also worthy of note was the last importation of coal on 19th March. This trade has finished with the closing of the Eastbourne gas works.

The Car Ferry and Passenger service between Newhaven and Dieppe extended from 1st January to 31st December, with the peak arrivals and departures (12 per day) lasting from June to September.

The system for the medical inspection of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants followed the same pattern as adopted the previous year. This ensures that a Medical Inspector attends all arrivals during the period 0900 hours - 1800 hours and that the duty doctor in Newhaven is available if required for any arrival between 1800 hours and 0900 hours. A lady attendant meets every boat and calls out the duty doctor if required. During the year the total number of inward passengers (Alien, Commonwealth Immigrants, and British) which arrived at the port was 251,437 (239,861 in 1966) whilst outward passengers numbered 244,534 (248,450 in 1966). A total of 65,241 Aliens arrived during 1967 compared with 63,569 in 1966 and of these 137 were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, and 337 were subjected to detailed medical inspection. None were refused permission to land on medical grounds. Of the 5194 Commonwealth Immigrants who arrived at the Port in 1967, 21 were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, and three were subjected to a detailed medical inspection. None were refused permission to land on medical grounds.

The total tonnage entering Newhaven Port in 1967 was 1,124,640 compared with 1,195,166 tons in 1966. In 1967 the number of ships entering the Port were 1,263 from foreign ports and 564 coastwise. Imports in 1967 amounted to 389,263 tons (361,554 tons in 1966) and were comprised chiefly of vehicles, loaded lorries, coal, building and roadmaking material, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs and timber. Exports in 1967 amounted to 119,036 tons (92,666 tons in 1966) of which accompanied vehicles was the chief item. The other important items were scrap metal, loaded lorries, grain, unaccompanied vehicles, furniture and car parts.

No cases of infectious disease involving ships were notified during the year.

I have to thank Mr. Harrison, the Port Health Inspector, and all the doctors who helped in the medical inspection of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants for their valuable assistance throughout the year. My thanks are also due to H. M. Customs and H. M. Immigration Service for their continued assistance and co-operation. I am also most grateful for the help given by the staff of British Rail and by all other departments and individuals associated with the work of the Port Health Service.

Finally, I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. L. COTTON,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer
and Medical Inspector of Aliens

SECTION I

STAFF

TABLE A

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD
Dr. J.L.Cotton	Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	1.11.1960	M.B.,Ch.B. M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P. D.P.H.	M.O.H. E. Sussex United Districts
Dr. R.Alexander	Deputy Port Medical Officer Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens & Common-Wealth Immigrants	27.1.1957	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	-
Dr. C.S.Barton	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	25.8.1959	M.A.,B.Sc. L.M.S.S.A. D.R.C.O.G.	-
Dr. M.H.Draisey	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	19.3.1964	M.B., B.S.Lond.	-
Dr.D.J.S.Pendlebury	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	1.5.1964	M.A.,M.B., B.Chir.	-
Dr. G.M.Lewis	Temporary Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	28.5.1965 to 31.8.1967	M.B., B.Chir. F.R.C.S	-
Dr.M.F.Raeburn	Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	2.2.1967	M.B.,Ch.B.	-
Mr. W.P.Harrison	Port Health Inspector and Food Inspector	5.3.1945	Cert.R.S.I. & S.I.J.B. Cert.R.S.I. Meat and Foods M.R.S.H., B.O.T.Cert. Master Mariner	Public Health Inspector Newhaven U.D.C.
Mrs.L.V.J.Harris	Part-time Clerk in Port Health Department	12.10.1964	- -	-

NAME OF OFFICER	NATURE OF APPOINTMENT	DATE APPOINTMENT	QUALIFICATIONS	ANY OT APPOIN MENT H
Mrs.A.E.Brown	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	9.7.1960	-	-
Miss A.Lyons	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	12.6.1967 to 2.7.1967	-	-
Mrs.D.Phillips	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	2.7.1967	-	-
Mrs.W.G.Press	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	12.6.1967	-	-
Mrs.S. Szymuda	Lady Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens & Commonwealth Immigrants	31.5.1965	-	-
Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health.		Lewes 4282	The Grange, Southover, LEWES, Sussex.	

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from:-	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board
			By the M.O.H.	By the P.H.I.	
Foreign Ports	1,263	978,759	10	88	Nil
Coastwise	564	145,881	-	88	Nil
Total	1,827	1,124,640	10	176	Nil

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Number of Passengers	INWARD	251,437)	supplied by
Number of Passengers	OUTWARD	244,534)	Immigration
	TOTAL	495,971	Authority
Passenger Vessel Arrivals		977	
Passenger Vessel Sailings		977	

IMPORTS FROM DIEPPE	Tons	Tons
Fruit and Vegetable	880	
Butter	294	
Cheese	1,074	
Wines and Spirits	71	
Chemicals	982	
Earthenware	831	
Machinery	2,370	
Motor Car Parts	1,073	
Shoes	407	
Textiles	1,306	
Furniture	1,048	
Accompanied Vehicles	42,198	
Unaccompanied Vehicles	50	
Empty B.R. Containers	8,383	
Loaded Lorries	32,061	
Other Commodities	5,533	98,561
AT NORTH QUAY		
Coal	24,736	
Roadstone	13,639	
Timber	8,550	
Sand Ballast	110,241	
Fertilizer	120	157,286
AT WEST QUAY		
Sand Ballast	116,482	116,482

AT EAST QUAY

Potatoes	7,064	
Onions	1,015	
Fertilizer	177	
Fruit	5,102	
Meat	945	
Sisal	135	
General Cargo	2,496	16,934
		389,263

IMPORTS TO DIEPPE

Fish	929	
Furniture	4,420	
Meat	32	
Earthenware	1,210	
Provisions	56	
Chemicals	495	
Car Parts	4,158	
Machinery	1,202	
Tractor Parts	74	
Tractors	39	
Paper Goods	1,285	
Rubber Goods	1,297	
Plastics	1,447	
Unaccompanied Vehicles	4,252	
Accompanied Vehicles	40,908	
Empty Containers	8,162	
Loaded Lorries	17,915	
Other Commodities	1,987	89,868

AT NORTH QUAY

Scrap Metal	21,800	
Grain	5,555	
Tiles	1,089	
Atomic Waste	724	29,168
		119,036

Principal ports from which ships arrive

The main trade of the Port is with Dieppe and other Northern French Ports, but there are also arrivals from German and Scandinavian Ports.

During the year an expanding trade from Portuguese, Spanish and Mediterranean Ports with fruit and vegetables was established.

SECTION IV

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

The Port is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

SECTION V

WATER SUPPLY

1. No Change

2. Nine samples from the well at Poverty Bottom after chlorination were found to be satisfactory.

Twenty-two samples from British Railways well at Denton before chlorination and five samples from the main piped supply to the East Side of the Harbour after chlorination were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory by British Transport Commission. All samples were bacteriologically satisfactory.

3. No Change
4. No Change

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

No change

SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District

   No change

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

   No change

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available

   Dr. H. S. Banks, "Ranmore", Fir Tree Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.
   Dr. W. S. Parker, Royal York Buildings, Brighton.

4. Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox

   No change

SECTION VIII

VENEREAL DISEASES

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among Merchant Seamen under International arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

The following details relate to the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases among merchant seamen, in common with the local population.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton

Male

Mondays	4.30 p.m.
Wednesdays	10.00 a.m.
Thursdays	2.00 p.m.
Fridays	11a.m. to 12 Noon (by appointment only)

Female

Tuesdays..	4.00 p.m.
Thursdays	10.00 a.m.

In-patient treatment is also arranged, if necessary, by the aforementioned hospital.

This information is made available by the Port Health Inspector on boarding ships.

SECTION IX

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Short account of measures taken on arrival by ships of (a) any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever excluded in Table D (b) any suspected case of such disease

(a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever occurred on ships arriving during the year.

(b) No suspected cases of such disease occurred on ships arriving during the year.

SECTION X

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURANCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

No case of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

SECTION XI

MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected of plague.

SECTION XII

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Where possible the Port Health Inspector or the Rodent Operator examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of the Cross Channel vessels and an attempt is made to inspect thoroughly all foreign going ships.

2. Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1967.

3. Arrangements in the district for Deratting ships, the methods used and if done by a Commercial Contractor, the name of the Contractor.

The Port is a designated approved port for this purpose.

Trapping, poisoning and gassing are available. The Contractors carrying out this work are Associated Fumigators Limited and Ratsouris Limited.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Ships using the port are mainly Cross-Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Colliers entering the port have been found to be almost devoid of harbourage, while in the modern vessels rat-proofing is good.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered the Master is required to abate same.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

H.C.N. 1.	Other fumigant (State method) 2.	After Trapping 3.	After Poisoning 4.	TOTAL 5.	Number of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued 6.	Total Certs. issued 7.
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3	3

SECTION XIII

TABLE G

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

INSPECTION & NOTICES

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices Served		Result of serving notice.
		Statutory	Others	
Foreign going	88	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	88	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	176	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH)

No change.

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

1. List of Medical Inspectors holding Warrants of Appointment (at 31.12.67)

   (a) Dr. J. L. Cotton, Port Medical Officer of Health.
   (b) Dr. R. Alexander, Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health.
   (c) Dr. C. S. Barton.
   (d) Dr. M. H. Draisey.
   (e) Dr. M. F. Raeburn.
   (f) Dr. D. J. S. Pendlebury.

2. List of other staff engaged on this work

   Mrs. A. E. Brown - Attendant
   Mrs. D. Phillips - Attendant
   Mrs. W. G. Press - Attendant
   Mrs. S. Szymuda - Attendant

3. Organisation of work

The organisation of the work is such that the requirements of the Aliens Order, 1953, and the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, are met.

4. (a) Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic.

	TOTAL.	Number inspected by the Medical Inspector.	Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector.	Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient.	Undesirable for medical reasons.	Physically incapacitated.	Suffering from acute infectious disease.	Transmigrants.
(a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port	65,104	64,770	334	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer.	137	134	3	1	2	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Aliens arriving at the Port.	65,241	64,904	337	1	2	-	-	-

4. (b) Nature and Amount of Commonwealth Immigrants Traffic.

								Transmigrants
								Suffering from acute infectious disease
								Physically incapacitated
								Undesirable for medical reasons
								Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient
								Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector
								Number inspected by the Medical Inspector
								T O T A L
(a) Total number of Commonwealth Immigrants landing at the Port	5,173	5,170	3	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Commonwealth Immigrants refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer	21	21	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Transmigrants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Total Commonwealth Immigrants arriving at the Port	5,194	5,191	3	-	-	-	-	-

Total number of vessels carrying alien and Commonwealth Immigrant passengers 957

Total number of such vessels dealt with by the Medical Inspectors 957

The annual numbers of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1967 are given in the following table:-

Year	Inward Aliens	Year	Inward Aliens
1945	17,911	1956	49,934
1946	26,376	1957	43,330
1947	31,551	1958	41,030
1948	41,412	1959	39,146
1949	48,127	1960	40,440
1950	49,521	1961	44,610
1951	51,918	1962	46,558
1952	52,104	1963	68,207
1953	51,084	1964	75,684
1954	54,652	1965	59,404
1955	58,410	1966	63,569
		1967	65,241

The annual numbers of Commonwealth immigrants arriving at Newhaven from July, 1962, when the provisions of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962, came into force, are given in the following table:-

Year	Commonwealth Immigrants
1962	4,004
1963	5,390
1964	5,070
1965	5,081
1966	5,738
1967	5,194

5. Accommodation for Medical Inspection and Examination

As a result of a request from the Chief Immigration Officer for additional accommodation, it was decided that one of the two medical inspection rooms could be vacated by the medical inspectors. The Customs have therefore let their search room be incorporated in the Immigration Officers accommodation and are now using the vacated medical inspection room as a search room.

SECTION XVI

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD SHIP FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE

No change.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC, 1967

INCOMING

Month	Alien	British	Commonwealth	Total
JANUARY	1,090	1,214	95	2,399
FEBRUARY	782	889	66	1,737
MARCH	4,370	4,848	265	9,483
APRIL	3,004	16,174	462	19,640
MAY	6,131	4,630	254	11,015
JUNE	5,265	16,910	543	22,718
JULY	18,903	30,489	916	50,308
AUGUST	14,530	54,501	1,718	70,749
SEPTEMBER	5,759	39,805	933	46,497
OCTOBER	2,193	8,412	314	10,919
NOVEMBER	1,153	1,176	103	2,432
DECEMBER	2,061	1,374	105	3,540
TOTAL	65,241	180,422	5,774	251,437

OUTGOING

JANUARY	1,033	1,210	86	2,329
FEBRUARY	570	992	37	1,599
MARCH	2,333	14,170	510	17,013
APRIL	5,370	6,908	297	12,575
MAY	6,008	9,325	399	15,732
JUNE	3,878	19,209	509	23,596
JULY	14,394	47,845	1,304	63,543
AUGUST	18,263	47,316	1,316	66,895
SEPTEMBER	8,502	21,209	591	30,302
OCTOBER	1,694	3,897	108	5,699
NOVEMBER	1,072	726	44	1,842
DECEMBER	1,949	1,325	135	3,409
TOTAL	65,066	174,132	5,336	244,534

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